

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 12, lines 12-13 to read as follows:

The duration of the reaction according to ~~(i)~~ (ii) is preferably from 1 to 48, more preferably from 4 to 36, particularly preferably from 12 to 24, hours.

Please amend page 12, lines 15-17 to read as follows:

The pressure during this reaction according to ~~(i)~~ (ii) is preferably from atmospheric pressure to 50 bar, more preferably in the range of from 5 to 25, particularly preferably in the range of from 10 to 15, bar.

Please amend page 35, lines 19-20 as follows:

**Example 3: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 36, lines 15-16 as follows:

**Example 6: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 37, lines 10-11 as follows:

**Example 9: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 38, lines 4-5 as follows:

**Example 12: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 38, lines 11-12 as follows:

**Example 12: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 39, lines 14-16 as follows:

**Comparative example 3: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**

Please amend page 39, lines 34-36 as follows:

**Comparative example 5: Preparation of ~~tetraethylenediamine~~ triethylenediamine (TEDA) from piperazine (PIP) and ethylenediamine (EDA)**